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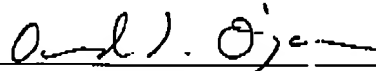
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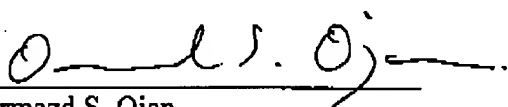
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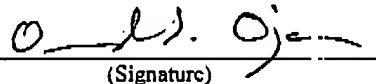
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE OF JP 2000-61755**

Sir/Madam:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-61755 discloses a machine tool, which includes a spindle support structure 20 located on a floor surface and having spindles 25, 26 movable upwardly and downwardly and from side to side along rails 16; a workpiece support structure including a workpiece mounting table 10 which is supported to allow for rotation about a horizontal axis and has a plurality of table surfaces (see Figs. 2 and 4); and a chip collecting recess 3. However, the machine tool disclosed in JPP '755 is different from the machine tool defined in claim 1 of the present application in that JPP '755 does not disclose means for rotationally indexing

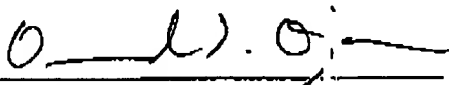
the workpiece mounting table, and in that the chip collecting recess extends downwardly from front to back but is not located between the spindle support structure and the workpiece support structure. Further, JPP '755 does not disclose the features of claims 3 and 4 of the present application. Please note that JPP '755 was published more than one year before the filing date of the present application in the United States but after the international filing date and priority date thereof.

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